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Hon. Commissioner for Patents

S i r:

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 19, 2003, the following remarks are made:

In deference to the restriction requirement on pages 2 and 3 of the above-identified Office Action, applicants elect group II, claims 5-20, for prosecution at this time.

Applicants request a rejoinder under MPEP §821.04.

In view of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits of claims 5-20 is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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